Action.

Upon review of the Official Action, the understanding of Applicants' attorney is that the Examiner is requiring an election of a specie from Species I-IV which are directed to different embodiments of the invention involving curves within the structure of various shapes and an election of a specie from Species V-VI which are directed to different embodiments of the support structure. Pursuant to this understanding, Applicants hereby elect Species I corresponding to Figure 1 and Species V corresponding to Figures 14a and 17a. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. original claims 1-25, are readable on elected Species I and V. Original claims 1-25 are listed

In the event that the Examiner required election of only one of Species I-VI, and not an election of both a particular structure shape and support structure, Applicants elect Species I. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. original claims 1-25, are readable on elected Species I.

above in accordance with the requirement set forth in lines 1-3 on page 2 of the Official

The election is made without traverse, however, as stated by the Examiner on page 3 of the Official action, the Applicants are entitled to consideration of any claims directed to the non-elected species which either depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of an allowable generic claim. In addition, Applicants further reserve the

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right to pursue any additional subject matter of non-elected Species II-VI in subsequently filed divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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